

Purchase of laproscopes

3959. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to purchase Laproscopes for States;
- (b) what is the procedure for procurement of Laproscopes;
- (c) whether Government have received complaints for thorough probe in the procurement of Laproscopes by Hindustan Latex Ltd. (HLL);
- (d) if so, the action taken for investigation in the purchase of Laproscopes by HLL;
- (e) whether Government would scrap the tender till the investigations are complete; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has been procuring Laproscopes for states since 1982 under the National Family Welfare Programme and continues to do so.

(b) The procedure adopted for procurement of laproscopes is through global advertised tender enquiry. Global Bids are invited from the trade. These are evaluated for technical standards and for the price bid. Orders are placed after careful scrutiny by a Tender Purchase Committee, following a technical evaluation and assessment of the financial bid.

(c) to (e) Some references have been received. However, no discrepancy has been found in the procurement procedure.

The open tender enquiry for procurement on the basis of specifications recommended by renowned gynaecologists and experts yielded enormous response and wider participation. It also resulted in financial savings for government.

It has been the policy and practice in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to assign procurement of medical supplies and

equipment to organizations who have been found to have appropriate capacity and systems in position. Public Sector Undertakings like M/s RITES, M/s ME CON and M/s NTPC have been doing procurement under different programmes of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Therefore, during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, M/s HSCC was assigned the procurement of RCH kits. Similarly, during 1998-99, M/s HLL were given the job of procurement of RCH kits and during 2000-2001, HLL were assigned the task of procurement of Laparoscopes at a cost not exceeding Rs. 8 crores.

(f) Question does not arise.

Facilities for essential tests of cardiac patients

3960. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for increasing improving the facilities for all the essential tests required for cardiac patients;
- (b) what are the facilities being currently provided in this regard;
- (c) whether the required number of doctors/technicians etc. are there in cardiology in proportion to the load of patients; and
- (d) if not, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Major hospitals such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi provide the facilities for all the essential tests required for cardiac patients such as ECO Cardiography, Tread Mill Test and 'Angiography etc.

(c) and (d) Cardiology departments are generally provided with the reasonable number of doctors-technicians within the financial resources available.